

An Important Message from Dallas Hammit, Deputy Director of Transportation/State Engineer

Share the Road

One of the goals of [Arizona's Strategic Highway Safety Plan](#) (SHSP) is to reduce fatalities and the occurrence and severity of serious injuries resulting from crashes involving motorcycles on all public roadways in Arizona.

It's a significant objective, but one that is certainly achievable.

Many of the related strategies and action steps outlined in the SHSP put an emphasis on rider education. ADOT, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and SHSP partners encourage motorcyclists of all skill levels to take a professional, approved training course.

These courses not only give riders professional instruction to become safer riders, but they also make it easy and convenient to acquire a motorcycle endorsement. Riders who pass a written and riding evaluation through an approved training school receive a completion card that waives the testing at an MVD or Authorized Third Party office.

You can learn more about authorized motorcycle training providers on the [MVD website](#). This new [ADOT video](#) also highlights the benefits of motorcycle training.

Rider training is only part of the solution. All drivers, whether they have two wheels or four, must remember to safely share the road.

In honor of [Motorcycle Safety Awareness month](#), I want to pass on some safe driving tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. I hope you'll share these with your friends and family.

For All Road Users

- Remember that a motorcyclist has the same rights, privileges and responsibilities as any other motorist on the roadway.
- Give a motorcyclist a full lane width to maneuver safely.
- Motorcycles are smaller and more difficult to see, so keep an eye out. Always look for motorcycles by checking your mirrors and blind spots before switching to another lane.
- Allow more distance – three or four seconds – when following a motorcycle. This gives the motorcycle rider more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.

For Motorcyclists

- Obey all traffic laws and be properly licensed.
- Wear a helmet and use reflective tape and gear to be more visible. NHTSA estimates helmets saved the lives of 1,630 motorcyclists in 2013.
- Never ride while impaired or distracted.

For extensive motorcycle safety information, visit the [Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety website](#).